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**CALIFORNIA COUNTIES RECEIVE \$4.1 MILLION FOR
METHAMPHETAMINE TREATMENT**

CALIFORNIA — Kern, Mendocino and San Mateo were among the 11 U.S. counties chosen by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to receive three-year grants to treat methamphetamine abuse in rural communities.

“Methamphetamine is a powerful and dangerous stimulant drug that physically destroys addicts and tears apart families,” said Kathryn P. Jett, director of the California Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs (ADP). “These grants will assist us in treating methamphetamine addicts in some of California’s publicly funded treatment programs.”

On any given day in California, there are more than 33,000 people in publicly funded treatment for methamphetamine addiction, and it is estimated that there are up to 500,000 methamphetamine users in California. Admissions to treatment for methamphetamine addiction have steadily increased, and California now leads the nation with the largest methamphetamine treatment population.

In Kern County, methamphetamine addiction accounted for approximately 51 percent of publicly funded treatment admissions in 2003-2004, followed by Mendocino at 46 percent and San Mateo at 26 percent.

Kern County Rural Targeted Capacity Expansion Project will receive \$1.4 million to expand adult outpatient methamphetamine treatment services. Mendocino County Department of Public Health was awarded \$1.5 million to increase capacity treatment services to help an additional 360 methamphetamine users. San Mateo County Human Services Agency received \$1.1 million to serve the rural low and moderate-income population.

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